

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph [0001] under "Cross-Reference To Related Applications" with the new paragraph [0001]. Also replace the first sentence of paragraph [0021] with the new sentence.

[0001] This application is a continuation of co-pending Application No. 10/374,539, filed February 25, 2003, now U.S. Patent 6,784,205, which claims the priority under 35 USC 119(e) to Application No. 60/361,475, filed March 1, 2002, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

[0021] The signature motif of a PTP is (H/V)C(X)₅R(S/T) where X is any amino acid residue SEQ ID. NOS: 30-33.